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DEVELOPMENTS

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JAPANESE EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY AKIRA URABE IS
BEING POSTED TO HANOI THE FIRST WEEK OF AUGUST AS
COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY. ALONG WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY
CHINA WATCHER, FIRST SECRETARY JIRO KOBAYASHI, URABE
GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING READOUT ON HIS RECENT MEETINGS
WITH MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAMESE EMBASSY IN PARIS.

A. THE SRV WANTS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE
US, BUT THE SRV HAS NOT REPEAT NOT CHANGED ITS
POSITION REGARDING THE NECESSITY OF AID FROM THE US AS
PART OF THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS.

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B. IN HIS MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE SRV
EMBASSY, THEY CONSCIOUSLY REFRAINED FROM LINKING THE
DETERIORATING SINO-VIETNAMESE SITUATION WITH THE SRV
INTEREST IN NORMALIZATION WITH THE US.

C. THE SRV HAS INVITED FOREIGN MINISTER
GUIRINGAUD TO VISIT HANOI LATER THIS YEAR. ALTHOUGH

THE FRENCH HAVE NOT YET REPLIED, THE SRV REGARDS THIS AS
A VERY IMPORTANT VISIT.

D. THE JAPANESE EXPECT TO OPEN A CONSULATE
GENERAL IN HO CHI MINH CITY BY THE MIDDLE OF 1979.

E. URABE THOUGHT THE SRV EMBOFFS HERE TREATED HIM
CORRECTLY, BUT WITHOUT ANY PARTICULAR WARMTH. URABE
RECALLED ONE SRV DIPLOMAT REFERRING CRITICALLY TO THE
UPCOMING TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINA AND THE
PROBABLE INCLUSION OF AN ANTI-HEGEMONY CLAUSE. URABE
SAW A CLEAR SOVIET HAND IN THIS CRITICISM OF SINO-
JAPANESE RELATIONS.

F. THE ONLY TWO CHINESE RESTAURANTS RECOMMENDED
BY THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN HANOI HAVE CLOSED THEIR
DOORS; THE CHEFS HAVE RETURNED TO CHINA.
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